

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the Claims as follows:

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1. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling use of copying software on a computer, wherein the computer includes a non-removable hardware ID ("HWID"), the method comprising:  
accessing a hard-coded identifier within the copying software when the copying software is launched;  
accessing the HWID of the computer;  
comparing the HWID with the hard-coded identifier; and  
proceeding to a copying function only if the HWID and the hard-coded identifier match.
  2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
obtaining the HWID from the computer; and  
hard-coding the copying software with the obtained HWID.
  3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the copying software is programmed with a password, the method further comprising:  
receiving a password from a user of the copying software; and  
proceeding to a copying function only if the received password matches the programmed password.